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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 02.08.2024**

State of Haryana and another**...Petitioners**

Versus

Ranbir Singh and others**...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: - Mr. Raman Sharma, Additional Advocate General, Haryana
(representing the petitioners)

Mr. Manav Dhull, Advocate
for Mr. J.S. Duhan, Advocate for respondent Nos.1 and 2

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking setting aside of order dated 08.04.1999 (Annexure P-9) whereby Industrial Tribunal-Cum-Labour Court has ordered to pay amount awarded vide award dated 18.10.1995.

2. Learned State counsel submits that respondents were terminated in February' 1993 and the award whereby they were ordered to be reinstated was passed on 18.10.1995. The Labour Court had further ordered to pay back wages. The back wages were paid in 1998. The Labour Court in exercise of power conferred by Section 33C(2) of Industrial Tribunal Act, 1947 (for short '1947 Act') awarded back wages along with interest @10%. The principal amount stood paid in April' 1998, thus, there was no question of direction to make payment of principal amount. The petitioners, at the most, could be liable to pay interest on the delayed payment of back wages.

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3. Mr. Manav Dhull, Advocate does not dispute the factum of payment of principal amount in April' 1998, however, he submits that respondents are entitled to interest till the date of payment of principal amount.

4. Faced with this, Mr. Raman Sharma, Additional Advocate General, Haryana expressed his inability to controvert liability qua interest till the date of payment.

5. In the wake of statement of both sides, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioners to pay interest @ 10% on delayed payment to respondent Nos.2 and 3 from the date of liability till the date of payment of principal amount.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

02.08.2024*Mohit Kumar*

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No